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SUBJECT: ROK SWIM DELEGATION TO VISIT DAMASCUS

1. REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) CONSUL, MR. SUK HONG KANG, CALLED ON EMBASSY OFFICER DECEMBER 18 TO INFORM US HE WILL BE LEADING THREE-MAN ROK DELEGATION TO DAMASCUS DECEMBER 20 TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OF 25 ASIAN COUNTRIES BEING CONVENED DECEMBER 22-25 TO ESTABLISH NEW INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING ORGANIZATION TO BE CALLED "ASIAN SWIMMING ASSOCIATED FEDERATION" (SIC). KANG NOTED THAT ROK HAS NO OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN SYRIA AND ASKED FOR NAME OF SOMEONE IN US MISSION HE COULD CONTACT IN DAMASCUS. WE PASS NAME OF MR. ROBERT HALL, EMBASSY CULTURAL ATTACHE. EXPECT MR. KANG WILL PAY COURTESY CALL ON MR. HALL SOON AFTER ARRIVAL SYRIA.

2. ROK DELEGATION ATTEMPTING PURCHASE AIR TICKETS FOR SYRIAN AIR FLIGHT CAIRO TO K BTAPGES#DECEMBER 20. HAVE ALSO REQUESTED HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT GRAND HOTEL, DAMASCUS. OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE MR. KWANG SOO KIM, VICE CHAIRMAN OF KOREJUSWIMMING ASSOCIATION, AND MR. BONG JOON CHUN, CONSUL OF ROK CONSULATE GENERAL IN CAIRO.
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